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Mid-November 1949

25X1X 1. The following units were quartered in the former Luftnachrichtenschule and the adjacent Fliegerhorst Kaserne, HALLE (II 52/D 92).

a. A division headquarters with a personnel of about 200, in the northern kaserne buildings. The division commander, a general, was billeted in a duplex on Saarbrueckener Strasse. [REDACTED]

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b. Division signal unit of about 150 troops. Several radio stations including the following installations were south of the Luftnachrichtenschule:

(1) Three 35-foot masts, interconnected by antennas

25X1B (2) Three radio towers, not connected by antennas.

c. Mortar unit of about 400 troops.

25X1B [REDACTED] and ten 120-mm mortars were observed with the unit.

d. AT battalion of about 400 troops.

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[REDACTED] and about twenty-five 76.2-mm AT guns were seen in the kaserne area.

e. Tank and SP artillery units of 600 to 700 troops.

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Ten Shchuka tanks, 40 T34/43 tanks, 30 to 40 SU100 SP guns and eight to ten SU152 SP guns were seen.

Sentries of the tank unit wore the guards badge and carried

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new submachine guns with straight clip magazine (the old drum magazine seems to disappear gradually).

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f. A guards artillery unit of about 500 troops with several batteries of various calibers.

series allegedly belonged to the unit.

Twelve 122-mm howitzers with vertical equilibrators and 76.2 and 150-mm guns were seen in the Kaserne area.

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g. A guards AAA unit of about 400 troops, equipped with 37 and 85-mm guns.

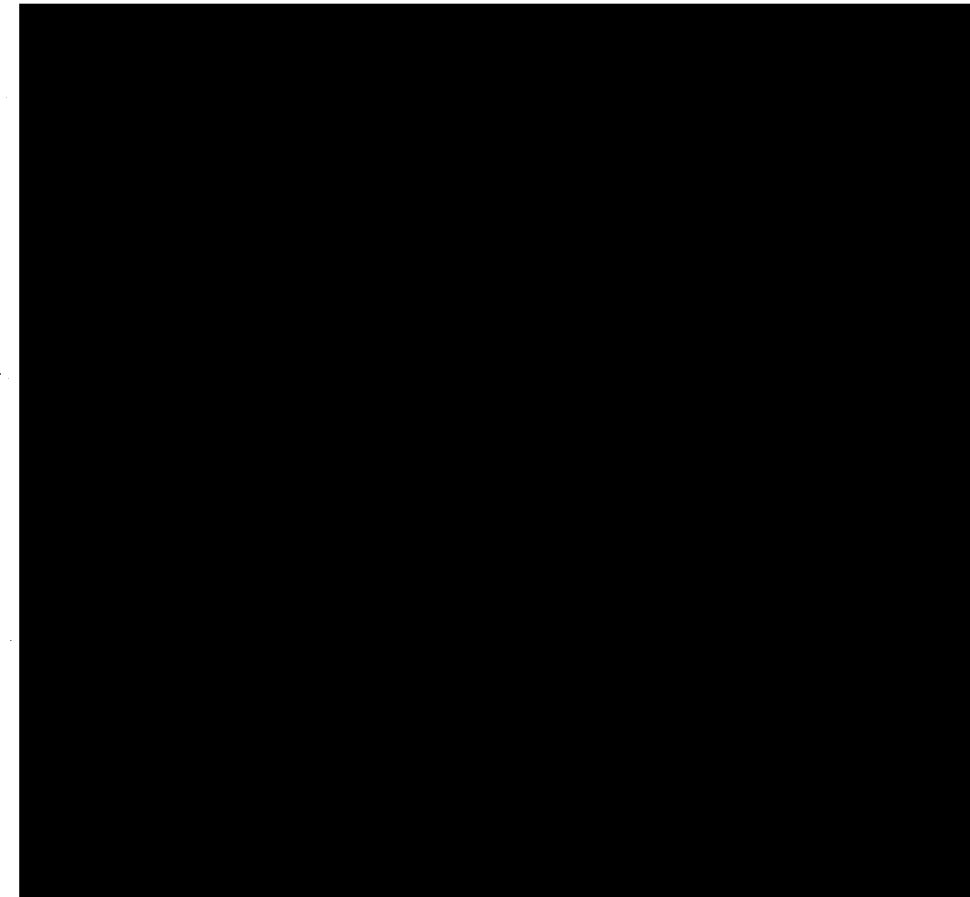
The troops stationed in these Kaserne installations were estimated at 2,500 to 2,800.

Besides the mentioned weapons and motor vehicles, 20 to 30 armored wheeled vehicles, allegedly personnel carriers, were observed stored in two garages.

Eight to ten operating field kitchens were near a fuel dump of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

A field exercise of 15 to 20 tanks and 37 guns was held in the area of the Brundberg (hills) on 16 November 1949.

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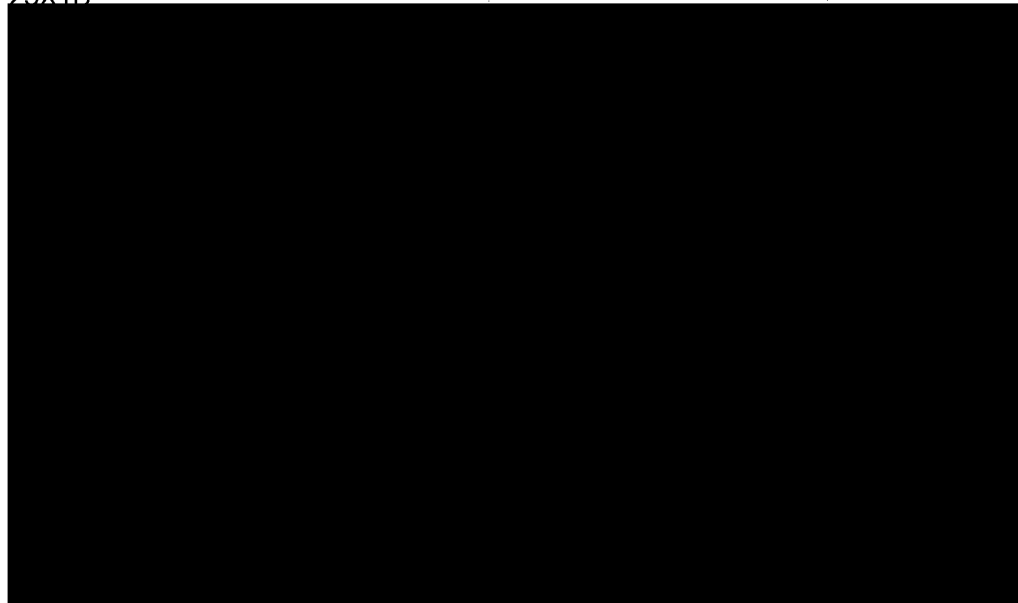
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2. The following observations were made in HALLE in mid-November 1949:

a. Flak Kaserne in HALLE-WO. MILITZ:

Occupied by

- (1) One mechanized regiment
- (2) An artillery unit
- (3) A tank unit.

Up to 12 T34 tanks were seen in the Kaserne area in mid-November 1949. Twenty-five T34 tanks had been observed there in mid-October 1949.

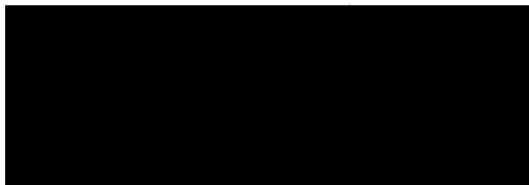
The troops in the Kaserne were estimated at 1,000.

Besides the tanks, two light reconnaissance cars and five 120-mm mortars were seen in the Kaserne area.

Work was done on tanks and motor vehicles in the motor vehicle repair shops.

An unusually large number of officers, primarily field officers, were in the Kaserne.

The following motor vehicles were identified in the Kaserne area:



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b. Aluever Kasernes:

Occupied to capacity by

(1) An infantry guard unit of about 500 troops

(2) A motor transport unit of 200 to 250 troops

(3) A medical unit of about 100 men. It was said to be- 25X1B  
long to the hospital on Muehlweg.

d. A Soviet major, accompanied by a Soviet civilian, was 25X1B  
seen near the Seileck on 12 November 1949. The civilian  
carried a large paper envelope bearing number 28 761.

e. Soviet railroad officers observed in mid-November 1949  
wore the following insignia:



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f. Col SHALIN was deputy chief of the Saalkreis kommandatura.

g. Lt Col ZARKOVA, a woman officer, was head physician of the hospital in the former Diakonissenanstalt (deaconesses' hospital) on Muehlweg, corner of Advokatenweg. The hospital included a laboratory and a pharmacy.

Comment:

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a. Occupation of Halle:

(1) The report confirms the extraordinarily strong occupation of Halle by Soviet troops. A comparison with previous information shows that the Halle troops almost exclusively belong to the 21st Gds Mecz Div and returned to their previous quarters in October 1949.

(2) The report confirms the 21st Gds Mecz Div to be in the former Luftnachrichtensule up to mid-November 1949.

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